




Nature Coast Unitarian Universalist (NCUU) News

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President's Message

With gratitude to Bill Howat, he will donate a canopy for our outside patio. This will expand our space for service and events. The patio will also be pressure washed.

Kind thanks to Chef Andy LaToure for his many wonderful sweet treats. 😊 pure gourmet.

Crime watch update:

Debit cards are a liability, they are easily comprised and no guarantee of replacement of your funds.

Credit Cards are much safer.

Beverly Hills Post Office outside mailbox was pried open with a crowbar. Mail was stolen. Checks were bleached with funds stolen, checks made out for large amounts. Also, putting checks in your personal mailbox outside are at risk too, even with flag up.

Remember to lock your car at all times. Thieves steal out of unlocked NOT locked ones. Never leave firearms in unlocked cars.

God Speed,

Joe Verdi President

Sunday Services

07/01/18 Speaker: Joe Wetzel

Bio summary: Once a university professor, he spent later life in the business world. Retired in 2000. He has very eclectic tastes, and since 2000 he has been mostly a student. When he learns something new and interesting that seems under-appreciated he likes to talk and write about it. He has written dozens of essays and talks, has one book published—*Our Unique Heritage—Lest We Forget*—with another one in progress.

Topic: **Our Declaration of Independence: A Glorious Story**

Summary: I want to share some of the surprising facts I have discovered in studying the detailed history of our Declaration of Independence. How it was created and how it relates to the forming of our nation is really an exciting and ongoing saga, with some anomalies, mysteries, and interesting developments as to who we are and what we stand for. We'll be hearing ideas from historians and from our Founders, of course. We'll then travel briefly in time, stop to visit Abraham Lincoln, and even pay homage to Kentucky along the way. My months of preparation have certainly uplifted my spirits, and I hope to lift yours as well. I am more proud than ever to say that ours is a truly unique and inspiring adventure. I invite you warmly to join me in reliving it.

07/08/18: Speaker: Doug Worthington

Background: Since 2008 Doug Worthington has been an active member of the former UU Fellowship of Marion County, now known as the Tri-County Unitarian Universalists. He chairs the Sunday Service Committee and is the coordinator for the communications team. After the death of his first wife, he remarried Lynn Worthington, who has been instrumental with stewardship and doing the Weekly Timetable. He first joined a Unitarian Universalist Church in Asheville, NC in 1974. He has a daughter in the United Kingdom and a son in Sarasota who will be married May 2018. Doug enjoys spinning classes and duplicate bridge as well as cycling and golfing on executive golf courses only.

Topic: **Search for Meaning, Not Happiness**
Exploring ways to find happiness and pleasure can be superficial and short-term. Our speaker will suggest more meaningful pursuits can lead to happiness that is true and lasting.

7/15/18: Speaker: Bill Howat

Background: Bill and his wife Valerie Hawkes-Howat have joined NCUU within the last year and have been very active members. Bill's technical background has been beyond helpful on our Building Maintenance department and his culinary skills, enthusiasm, and dedication have made him a wonderful asset to our Social Activities Committee. Bill did a marvelous job moderating and participating in our Fathers' Day Sunday Service.

Topic: **Buddhism**

Bill will share his understanding of its basic tenets and its impact on his life.

07/22/18 Speaker: Rev. Carole Yorke

Background: Rev Carole Yorke has been a Unitarian Universalist minister in Florida since 1998. She has served the Spirit of Life UUs, the UU Church in Stuart, and First UU Congregation of the Palm Beaches, but is now retired in Port St Lucie where she lives with her five beautiful Pomeranians. She also loves to travel. In the past couple of years, she went on an Alaskan cruise and, more recently, a Holland American cruise to Holland. Rev. Yorke enjoys reads better than She loves also.

Topic: **“Friendship as Resistance”**

Poet B.Y.Williams once wrote: “When trouble comes to your soul to try; you love the friend that just stands by.” This sermon is a reflection on the gift of those we call “good friend” and the importance of being a good friend.

07/29/18 Speaker: Cathy DeWitt

Background: Cathy is the senior musician in residence for UF Health/Shands Arts in Medicine program, where she has provided musical respite for patients of all kinds and ages since 1995. She has also assisted Citrus County Arts Alliance with its program of bringing the arts to people with memory disorders, at the new Y. She is an international award-winning songwriter and performer, sharing her music throughout the U.S. as well as in the Virgin Islands, Hawaii, Europe, and, most recently, Greece! In addition to solo work at hospitals, churches, and in the Posi movement, she is leader of the jazz band MoonDancer (which Sally has joined on occasion!) and the all-female folk and bluegrass group Patchwork.

Topic: **Let the Mystery Be**

Songs and stories celebrating the mystery of the unknown, incorporating gratitude, forgiveness, synchronicity, and faith.

NCUU Board of Directors

President	Joe Verdi
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NCUU Committees

Audio/Visual	Gordon Hart
Building	Bill Howat
Calendar	Open
Caring Committee	Carol Dinmore
Choir Director	Sally Smith-Adams
Denominational Affairs	Joan Burnett
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Membership	Connie Hart
Music	Sally Smith-Adams
Newsletter	Amy Haiken
Nominating Committee	Joan Burnett, Pam Ricker, Sandy Sondheim
Photographer	Gordon Hart
Piano	Connie Hart, Sally Smith-Adams, Sheila Woods
Publicity	OPEN
Property	Carol Dinmore
Religious Education	Joan Burnett
Social Activities	John Comer
Social Justice	Available
Sunday Service	Pam Ricker
Treasurer (Acting)	Nick Kalfas
Website	Gordon Hart, Amy Haiken

Board of Directors

Our Board meeting is Monday, July 9th at 2 PM.

If you want to place an item on the Board agenda, please send it to the clerk, Holly Alexander about a week in advance. (Second Monday of the month)

ABC and P SALE!

We are in the planning stage of a Book Sale and Arts, Crafts and Plants Sale for Oct. 20, 2018. Please see Peg Gotz for Books (No textbooks or magazines, please). Please see Sheila Woods for Arts, Crafts and Plants. There will be tables available to display the items. We are looking for a combination of talents and items. Donations in good condition are also needed related to the theme. If you have hand crafted items, seasonal plants (native plants, edible landscaping etc.) or know others who would like to sell or donate, please approach them now. It takes a full 2 months to publicize an event in local papers and websites. This can be fun for us as we reach out to our larger community in addition to raising some funds for the NCUU. Support and creative, hopefully practical ideas are always needed. Thank you, All!



NCUU Jazz Concert

The NCUU Jazz Concert will take place on Friday evening, November 16 and again on Saturday afternoon, November 17.


Sally Smith-Adams and Kathryn Taubert, two amazingly talented women will entertain us with their musical and vocal skills. Both are professional entertainers and we are indeed fortunate to have them agree to perform for us.

It is also our 20th Anniversary this year, and we will celebrate this festive occasion after the November 18 concert.

So choose a date and attend one of these amazing concerts. Tickets will go on sale soon at \$15 each at the door, and \$12 prior to the concert.

See Linda Myers or Pam Ricker for more information.

Linda Myers wants to remind the Concert Committee about their next meeting on July 22nd, right after Sunday Service.



Grounds & Gardens Day

The **First Friday of every month** is **Grounds & Gardens Day** at NCUU.

Do you like to work outside in the yard and garden? Whether weeding, trimming, planting, raking, the NCUU Yard and Garden Crew always needs help. Please come Friday morning. Gordie Dinmore and Bree Hill are usually there by sun-up. (*The rest of us usually are not.*) We're normally done by 10:30 - 11:00.
Sally Smith-Adams



Caring Committee

Please inform the Caring Committee if an NCUU member is ill or in need of some cheer. Carol will keep in touch with ailing congregants, as well as our snowbirds.

If you would like to volunteer to help with this very fulfilling job, please contact Carol Dinmore at 352- 419-5515



Denominational Affairs

Tom Hibberd was a delegate to the 2018 General Assembly in Kansas City, Mo. Joan Burnett served as an off-site delegate and Bree Hill also attended. The August 12 Sunday service will be all about this year's GA. We will get to hear all about the experience of participating in the UUA's annual assembly.

Joan Burnett



Ladies Luncheon

Julie Macdonald & I have cancelled the Ladies Luncheons until Fall.

-- Peg Gotz

July Birthdays



If your birthday is in July, and your name is not on this list, please notify the editor:

ahaiken@bellsouth.net. Birthdays will be celebrated the first Sunday of each month acknowledging all birthdays.

7/2	Abby Madeiros
7/9	Connie Hart
7/15	Tom Hibberd
7/16	Norman (Ned) Davis
7/25	Peter Freeman

Social Service Help Line

Wellcare a health insurance company, has set up a help line for social services. If you need assistance, call 1-866-775-2192

July Potluck

Please sign up for the July 4th Potluck at 2:00 pm. Hot dog, sausages and condiments will be served, please sign up for your dish. We will be playing Pictionary and lots of FUN.

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

The BoD meeting minutes are now available on our website under Members in our menu.

Local Primary Elections Coming Up!!! Candidate Choice Is Important To Quality Of Life!

Elections, including primary elections are quite important. Become (if you are not) engaged with our local community issues. Too hard to find information? Yes, You Can (with help) find information about local candidates and who is supporting them from The Supervisor of Elections, Citrus County, and Marion County internet sites. Community groups also sponsor Meet and Greet events and forums. There are local citizen volunteer organizations that help with information, both partisan and nonpartisan. The Sun Coast Parkway, Coastal Connector Routes, environmental, business, and development issues require our knowledge and involvement to protect the quality of life in Citrus and Marion County. Citrus County: There are two County Commissioner positions open, three School District Board positions, two Mosquito Board positions, House of Representatives: District 10 and Florida Senate District 10 and Circuit Judge Circuit 5 positions.

Sheila Woods

Membership Committee

Are you receiving your "UU World" Magazine? If you are a member, you should be. Please email Connie Hart at conhart@gmail.com if you would like to receive it, and I'll get your address added to the list.

Please remember to invite your friends to our Services and/or events. We like visitors! Also, please see Holly Alexander if you would like to be one of our **greeters** or email her at halex352@gmail.com .

Enjoy your summer and stay in touch. We like hearing from our vacationers and snowbirds. The July meeting for membership will be Wednesday, July 25th.

Sally's References

I had a few inquiries about the sources that I mainly quoted from on our June 10th Music Sunday Service.

They are:

Daniel J. Levitin; *This is Your Brain on Music and The World in Six Songs*

Steven Mithen; *The Singing Neanderthals*

Levitin is a neuroscientist/musician/ author and his books are well researched, yet very readable. He also has a terrific Ted Talk on You Tube that he did at USC - - very enjoyable.

Steven Mithen's book is v-e-r-y well researched and notated, but takes a certain amount of stamina and determination to keep reading at times (my opinion, of course).

Sally

Wireless amplifying headphones are now available at the rear of the sanctuary. See Gordon Hart or Gordie Dinmore for assistance on Sundays.

Send Sunday Morning Announcements to:

ncuuannouncements@gmail.com

Deadline is the Friday before Sunday service.

Newsletter Deadline

Please remember that the deadline for August's Newsletter is **July 22 2018**.

Send to: ahaiken@bellsouth.net and put 'For Newsletter' in the subject line.

Pay it Forward Story

In the short film , entitled, “Ripple”

A grandmother, young girl and her brother go shopping in a local grocery store, gathering groceries for the week. The grandmother tells her granddaughter to look around, and find a birthday gift for her grandfather.

The little girl walks up and down the aisles, until she visits the bakery counter. She eyes a favorite treat of her grandfather, a beautiful peach fruit cake. A young gentleman observes the little girl, and hands her the cake.

The family is at the check-out line, and the price of the cake proves to be much more than they can afford, and asked the check-out person to remove the item from their bill. The man saw what happened, and asked the check-out person if the cake was available for purchase. He buys the cake, and runs after the family as they walk out the store. When he hands the cake to the little girl, the grandmother refuses. She then asks him why he would want to buy a cake for them.

He tells her his story:

My mother wanted to buy me a cake but at the counter she didn't have enough money to pay for the cake. My mom asked me to choose another less expensive cake. As my mom and I were discussing this, a man behind us bought the cake that I wanted, and handed it to me. He said Happy Birthday, and my Mom handed him a note as an IOU.

For this, I want to give you the cake. The grandmother finally agrees to take the gift and asks for his contact information so that she could repay him. He tells the little girl that ‘Someday, when you are able to help somebody, please do it’

The family goes and visits the grandfather in a hospital room. She says “I chose this cake for your birthday.” The grandfather tells his wife that she shouldn't have spent that much money on the cake. She tells her husband that actually some kind man at the store bought the cake, and handed her a note that read:

A simple act of caring creates an endless ripple

The grandfather has a flashback to when he gave a small child a note that said:

A simple act of caring creates an endless ripple
That comes back to you.